

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Mendocino District
P.O. Box 440
Mendocino, CA 95460

PROJECT TITLE: Install Garbage Can and Chemical Toilet

LOCATION: Van Damme State Park

COUNTY: Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replace existing garbage can and install a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant chemical toilet at the Pygmy Forest Parking Lot in Van Damme State Park. Construct a 10' long x 12' wide x 4" deep base rock gravel pad in an unvegetated area adjacent to the existing paved parking lot. Pour a 34" long x 45" wide x 4" deep concrete pad on top of a section of the gravel base and bolt animal-proof garbage can to pad. Install the chemical toilet directly on the gravel pad. No trees will be cut and no native plants will be removed. To avoid potential impacts to Northern spotted owl, project-related activities will not generate noise above ambient levels during the breeding season, which is February 1 to June 9.

In the even that previously undocumented cultural resources are encountered during project-related work, work would be put on hold at that location. A DPR-qualified archaeologist would record and evaluate the find and work with the state representative to implement avoidance, preservation, or recovery measures as appropriate prior to any work resuming at that location.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Mendocino District

EXEMPT STATUS: ☒ Categorical Exemption Class 2, 3, Section 15302, 15303

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the replacement of existing facility where the new facility will be located on the same site as the facility replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity; consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; included as "restrooms" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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